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SUBJECT: ACYPL EXCHANGES: SOVDEL VISIT AND SEMINAR

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SOVDEL VISIT/SEMINAR IN U.S. WITH SOVIET COMMITTEE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) STAFFERS KAVTARADZE AND STOLYAROV FEBRUARY 28 AND GAVE THEM ACYPL'S PROPOSALS FOR ITINERARY. CYO REPS SAID THEY WOULD LOOK OVER PROPOSED SCHEDULE, DISCUSS WITH SUPERIORS, AND HAVE COMMENTS NEXT WEEK. LATER IN DAY, CYO STAFFER GORYACHEV (FORMER YOUTH AFFAIR OFFICER AT SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON) CALLED EMBOFF TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING SOVDEL AND HAD SOME "PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL" COMMENTS. GORYACHEV SAID HE WAS BOthered BY FACT THAT PROPOSAL FOR VISIT ONLY INCLUDED CITIES IN EASTERN PART OF U.S. HE MENTIONED THAT LAST SUMMER'S U.S. DEL HAD BEEN TAKEN TO SIBERIA, TATAR REPUBLIC AND MOLDAVIA, AND WONDERED IF CITIES IN TOHER SECTIONS OF U.S. COULD BE CONSIDERED. GORYACHEV SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND REASONS FOR NAMING EXETER AS SITE OF SEMINAR, BUT FELT SOVDEL WOULD NOT HAVE VERY GOOD IDEA OF U.S. IF THEY WERE CONFINED TO THE EASTERN U.S. DURING REST OF VISIT. (COMMENT: EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SOVDEL TO TRAVEL TO OTHER SECTIONS OF U.S., PERHAPS TO MIDWEST AND WEST COAST, AND SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT FOLLOW UP WITH OLIVER.)

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2. CYO REPS ALSO ASKED THAT OLIVER COMMENT ON SOVIET

PROPOSALS FOR THEMES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING SEMINAR, WHICH THEY
SAID WERE GIVEN TO OLIVER DURING SOVIET JOURNALISTS' VISIT.
THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OLIVER'S APPROVAL OF SOVIET PROPOSALS
OR SUGGESTED CHANGES IN ORDER TO INFORM PROSPECTIVE SOVIET
SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS. (EMBOFF RECEIVED COPY OF CYO PROPOSALS,
WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.) CYO WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE
MORE DETAILS ON PROGRAM IN EACH OF CITIES TO BE VISITED.

3. NEW SUBJECT: FOR RICHMOND AND PRYCE: PASSED INFORMATION
ON ASPEN INSTITUTE TO CYO REPS, WHO SAID THEY WOULD STUDY IT.
PERHAPS PRYCE COULD BRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS FOR
DISCUSSION WITH CYO. ALSO REQUEST THAT PRYCE BRING
PHOTOGRAPHS AND ANY ARTICLES ON SOVIET JOURNALISTS VISIT TO
U.S. FOR PRESENTATION TO CYO AND JOURNALISTS. AMBASSADOR
PLANNING TO GET SOVIET JOURNALISTS TOGETHR AT SPASO HOUSE
DURING TIME PRYCE IS HERE.

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